

100 McDowell Street — For more information, call (704) 321-7275

# APRIL 2021

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



For more info on classes &  
events OR to REGISTER  
ONLINE go to  
**WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM**

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## Spring Classes, Programs and Events

In the upcoming pages, we list out all of our programs,  
classes and events coming up in April.

If you would like more information, please visit our website  
or reach out to us via phone or email!

## COVID-19 Update

Precautions are in place for all programs. This includes daily  
health screenings, constant cleaning throughout the day,  
and all staff and participants are required to wear masks.  
Expect a health screening when you enter the facilities for  
programs or facility rentals.



Check out all of our Fall programs at  
**WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM**

# CREWS RECREATION CENTER

1201 Crews Road—Behind the Matthews Police Department  
For more information on Crews Center activities, call (704) 708-1287



In an effort to promote a healthy environment, health screenings will be conducted at the check-in desk.  
(i.e. questionnaire and/or temperature reading)



## TAI CHI FOR HEALTH \$2.00 PER SESSION

A slow meditation in motion, Tai Chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements. The ultimate purpose is cultivating the Qi, or life force, within us to flow smoothly and powerfully throughout the body.

**Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30am**

## OPEN GYM SPORTS

### PICKLEBALL

Saturdays, 8:30am-12:30pm

\$2.00 per person



Advance registration **required** via signup genius  
(<https://qr.go.page.link/skXdx>).



### BADMINTON

Sundays, 10:00am-4:00pm; \$2 per person

Advance registration via signup genius **required**  
to guarantee court time.  
([www.matthewsfun.com](http://www.matthewsfun.com))

Beginner (Adults): 10:00am-12:00pm

Advanced (Adults): 12:00pm-2:00pm

Family Time (Youth and Adults): 2:00pm-4:00pm

## AMERICAN ELITE KARATE

**Thursdays, 5:45pm-8:30pm**

**Classes start April 8th**

For children of all ages interested in learning the basics of martial arts in a fun and active environment. To register or for additional information, visit  
[www.americanelitemartialarts.com](http://www.americanelitemartialarts.com)



## CREWS RECREATION CENTER

1201 CREWS ROAD | MATTHEWS, NC 28105

## ESPORTS / VIDEO GAMING SUMMER CAMP

**JULY 12 – 16, 2021**  
(9AM – 12PM)

Are you a casual gamer or an aspiring Esports athlete aged 10-14 years old? If so, this Esports/Video Gaming summer camp is for you. Under the supervision of experienced "Game Coaches" Esport athletes/campers will have an opportunity to learn strategies, improve their skills individually and work in teams, boosting their overall game sense and abilities as players. Some games that will be played include: NBA 2K, Madden, FIFA, Smash Bros., Mario Kart, Minecraft and Rocket League.

### CAMP RATES:

Matthews Resident: \$150

Non-Resident: \$160

### TO REGISTER VISIT:

[WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM](http://WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM)



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 704-708-1289



## FULL LISTING OF CREWS SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM](http://WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM)

Other camps include multi-sports, fencing, cheer, volleyball, Discovery Place Science, Lego, and an Entrepreneurs Camp!



## LET'S PAINT WITH CYNTHIA

Oil Painting for Adults

### BEGINNER

Mondays

April 5, 12, 19

9:30am-12:30pm

\$75

### INTERMEDIATE

Thursdays

April 8, 15 & 22

9:30am-12:30pm

\$75

### ADVANCED

Mondays

April 5, 12, 19

1:00pm-4:00pm

\$60

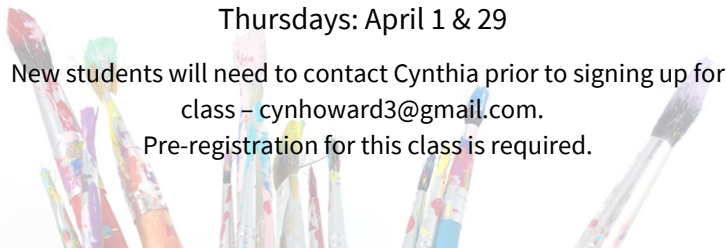
### OPEN PAINTING

Mondays: April 26

Thursdays: April 1 & 29

New students will need to contact Cynthia prior to signing up for class – [cynhoward3@gmail.com](mailto:cynhoward3@gmail.com).

Pre-registration for this class is required.



## CLASSES TAUGHT BY EILEEN SCHWARTZ

### ART WITH EILEEN

Art classes for adults with disabilities. Classes in April take place on Fridays, 9am-1pm. April 9-30. Contact Eileen for more information: [eileenschwartzusa@gmail.com](mailto:eileenschwartzusa@gmail.com).



## SPRING BREAK ART CAMP

Monday, April 5 - Friday, April 9

12:30pm - 4pm

Ages 6-12



Kids will play with clay, pottery wheels, glazes and draw and paint as well. Finish the week creating original art projects and t-shirts. Pack a snack and dress for a fun mess!

10% Sibling Discount!

Matthews Residents: \$150 Non-Residents: \$155

## CLAY CLASSES WITH ARTS DELIVERED

### Wednesday Homeschool Clay Classes

Ages 7-18 | April 7-28 | 10am-11:30am

Matthews Resident: \$70

Non-Resident: \$75

Sibling Discount Available

4-week session

### Pottery Class

Ages 7+ | April 10 & 17 | 9am-10:30am

Session Price: \$35

### Afterschool Pottery Class

Ages 7+ | Wednesdays, April 14 & 21

3pm-4:15pm

Session Price: \$35

### Clay Kits to Go

March 27 | \$10 per kit

See details online!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
FOR CLASS DETAILS!



### Wednesday Pre-K Clay

Ages 3-6 | April 14

9am-9:45am

2nd Wednesday of each month

\$10 per platter

Guardian supervision required  
Adult and child artists will use glazes, brushes, and even handprints to design a seasonal, holiday dishwasher and microwave-safe clay platter!

### Wednesday Adult Clay

Ages 18+ | April 28-June 16

6:30pm-8:15pm

Matthews Resident: \$190

Non-Resident: \$200

8-week session

### Make It - Glaze It - Spring Break

Ages 7+ | April 5 & 8 OR April 6 & 9

3pm-4:30pm

Matthews Resident: \$35

Non-Resident: \$40

### Kids & Parents Clay Workshop

Ages 6+ | April 17

10:45am-12pm

\$10 per person

Parents encouraged to participate!

## KIDS MAKE MUSIC

Thursdays, March 25 - June 3 (no class April 8)

10am-10:45am | Ages 2 & 3 (with a caregiver)

## BIG KIDS MAKE MUSIC

Thursdays, March 25 - June 3 (no class April 8)

11am-11:45am | Ages 3 - 5



Children get to be creative while moving, singing, and playing instruments. An instrument kit is included in the registration price. Returning students do not need to purchase the instrument kit; see website for details and updated price.

Matthews Residents: \$190 | Non-Residents: \$195

## UKULELE CLASSES

Classes start March 23 | 10-week session

### INTRODUCTION TO UKULELE

Ages 5-7 | Tuesdays, 6pm-6:45pm

### BEGINNER UKULELE

Ages 8-12 | Thursdays, 6pm-6:45pm

Teens & Adults | Tuesdays, 7pm-7:45pm

Beginner II Ukulele | Thursdays, 7pm-7:45pm

Matthews Residents: \$169

Non-Residents: \$174

## BASKETWEAVING CLASS

**Saturday, April 24 | 9:30am-12pm**

Utensil Basket

This basket is woven with seagrass and rolled paper strips. No basket weaving experience required - beginners welcome!



Matthews Residents: \$30 | Non-Residents: \$35

## AFTERSCHOOL STEAM WITH CHALLENGE ISLAND

Calling all creature-loving kids to Challenge Island's® Animal Island™ adventure! You and a tribe of friends will engineer your way through the Animal Kingdom exploring life in diverse habitats - from oceans to rainforests to deserts to ice to the pets that live in our homes. A wildly exciting time awaits every boy and girl on Challenge Island's® Animal Island™!

**Animal ISLAND**

REGISTER NOW!

Tuesdays, April 13-May 4  
3pm-4pm

Matthews Residents: \$70

What do you want to be when you grow up? Challenge Island's all new Cool Careers Island® will give you a taste of some of the world's most exciting jobs from veterinarian to marine biologist to professional basketball player! Start engineering your future today with this STEAMtastic Challenge Island adventure!

**Cool Careers ISLAND**

REGISTER NOW!

Thursdays, April 15-May 6  
3pm-4pm

Non-Residents: \$75

## Summer Camps at MCC

Cooking

Mixed-Media Art

STEAM

Ukulele

Ballet

Discovery Place

Science

Music



VIEW THE FULL LISTING AND REGISTER FOR CAMPS AT [WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM](http://WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM)!





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STORAGE  
SYSTEMS**  
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Town of  
**Matthews**  
North Carolina



**WHEN**  
Saturday, April 24, 2021  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**WHERE**  
First Baptist Matthews  
185 S Trade St.  
Matthews, NC 28105  
(Back Parking Lot)

 **CONTACTLESS DROPOFF**  
Place boxes/bags in your trunk  
and staff will unload your items  
for you

 **FREE SHRED EVENT LIMIT**  
4 banker boxes

**Questions?**  
Call us at  
704-588-2820

Matthews Playhouse of the Performing Arts  
MainStage Productions Presents



## The Rainbow Fish Musical



**Streaming  
Saturday  
May 22nd**

**Free  
Performance!**

Script, music, and lyrics by Austin Zumbro  
Adapted from the book written and illustrated by Marcus Pfister,  
translated into English by J. Alison James

**Watch online at**  
[www.matthewsplayhouse.com](http://www.matthewsplayhouse.com)

**CULTUREBLOCKS**

a community partnership with  
  

The Rainbow Fish Musical is  
sponsored by Culture Blocks -  
a community partnership funded  
by Mecklenburg County

Produced through special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. Denver, Colorado



# PARKS & SPECIAL EVENTS

For more information about Parks, call 704-708-1288

For more information about Special Events, call 704-708-1261



Town of  
**Matthews**  
Parks, Recreation &  
Cultural Resource

presents the  
**OUTDOOR  
CONCERT  
SERIES**

**April 9th: Late Night Special Band**  
**April 23: REO/Survivor Tribute**

**2ND AND 4TH FRIDAYS, APRIL THRU SEPT**  
**STUMPTOWN PARK, 6PM-9PM**

To comply with COVID-19 guidelines, these concerts are **TICKETED** events with **LIMITED attendance of 350**. Attendees can purchase seating "pods" for two or four people. **Pod prices \$6-\$24**. For band schedule, details and tickets go to [matthewsfun.com](http://matthewsfun.com). Tickets available via Eventbrite on the Special Events page.  
Come back out to the park with us--we've missed you!

## Coming Soon from Matthews Playhouse



**Playwright's Festival**  
original works written by  
Black Indigenous People of Color

**CONGRATULATIONS  
SELECTED WINNERS!**

**Staged Readings April 10th**

Staged Readings will take place at the Fullwood Theater  
located inside of the Matthews Community Center

Matthews Playhouse of the Performing Arts  
MainStage Productions Presents

# GODSPELL

Composed by Stephen Schwartz  
Book by John-Michael Tebelak

**June 4, 5, 6 and 12, 13 @ 7:30pm**

Performed Outside at Stumptown Park  
120 S Trade Street, Matthews NC 28105

**Tickets available at**  
[www.matthewsplayhouse.com](http://www.matthewsplayhouse.com)  
**704-846-8343**

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Godspell is presented through special arrangement with  
Music Theatre International. All authorized performance materials  
are also supplied by MTL [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

Culture For All